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1. SECRETARY ROMULO TELEPHONED MARCH 20 TO REQUEST WE TRANSMIT AN INVITATION OF PRESIDENT MARCOS TO VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT BATAAN DAY CEREMONIES TO BE HELD APRIL 15 FROM NINE TO ELEVEN A.M. ON CORREGIDOR ISLAND. ROMULO SAID THERE WOULD BE LARGE CROWD FOR THE OCCASION, THAT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND PRESIDENT MARCOS WOULD BE ONLY PUBLIC SPEAKERS, AND THAT VICE PRESIDENT WOULD BE FLOWN BY HELICOPTER TO AND FROM CORREGIDOR RETURNING FOR APPOINTMENT AT ADB. ROMULO ASKED THAT GOP BE ADVISED ASAP OF ACCEPTANCE BY VICE PRESIDENT TO PERMIT TIMELY ARRANGEMENTS.

2. CONCURRENTLY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AMBASSADOR GONZALES FORWARDED US A WRITTEN DRAFT PROGRAM FOR VICE PRESIDENT WHICH ENVISAGES FOR APRIL 14: 3:00 AIRPORT ARRIVAL WITH PRESIDENT AND MRS. MARCOS ET AL; 3:10 MILITARY HONORS WITH INTRODUCTION TO DIPLOMATIC CORPS, CABINET AND OTHER OFFICIALS; 3:20 MOTORCADE TO AMERICAN CEMETERY AND THENCE TO MANILA HOTEL; 4:30 PROCEED TO PALACE WHERE OFFICIAL PARTY PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT AND MRS. MARCOS; 5:00 FIRST ROUND OF TALKS WITH
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MARCOS; 6:30 RETURN TO HOTEL; 8:00 PALACE DINNER (DARK SUIT OR LOCAL BARONG FILIPINO).

3. GONZALES' DRAFT PROGRAM FOR APRIL 15: 7:30 WREATH LAYING AT RIZAL MONUMENT; 8:00 CALL ON PRESIDENT ADB; 8:20 AUTOMOBIEL TOUR OF CULTURAL CENTER COMPLEX; 9:00 VISIT CORREGIDOR; 11:00 RETURN TO MANILA ON PRESIDENTIAL YACHT WITH LUNCH AND

FOLLOW-UP TALKS WITH MARCOS ON BOARD; 2:30 LEAVE HOTEL FOR AIRPORT MILITARY HONORS; 3:00 DEPARTURE.

4. SHOULD INVITATION EXTENDED BY ROMULO FOR VICE PRESIDENTIAL PARTICIPATION IN BATAAN DAY CEREMONIES ON CORREGIDOR BE ACCEPTED, CONSIDERATION MIGHT ALSO BE GIVEN TO COMBINING THAT ACTIVITY WITH GONZALES' SUGGESTED PRIOR CALL ON ADB PRESIDENT AT 8:00 AND RETURN FROM CORREGIDOR AT 11:00 VIA PRESIDENTIAL YACHT (IN ORDER TO FACILITATE FOLLOW-ON DISCUSSIONS AND WORKING LUNCH). IN THAT EVENT, MOTORCADE DIRECT FROM DOCKSIDE TO AIRPORT LIKELY BE MORE TIME EFFECTIVE THAN VIA HOTEL AS ENVISAGED BY GONZALES. ALSO, GONZALES SUGGESTS THAT WE CONSIDER SERIOUSLY AN AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE FOR INCLUSION IN PROGRAM. HE ADDS THAT PROGRAM FOR MRS. MONDALE AND SON TED WILL BE ARRANGED WHEN AGREEMENT REACHED ON FINAL PROGRAM FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

5. BATAAN DAY IS CUSTOMARILY CELEBRATED APRIL 9, COMMEMORATED IN CEREMONIES ON BATAAN PENINSULA, AND IS PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HOLIDAY. PRESIDENT USUALLY SPEAKS ALONG WITH SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL IN PRESENCE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, VETERANS GROUPS. ATMOSPHERE HAS BEEN ONE OF PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN REMEMBRANCE WITH INCREASING EMPHASIS UPON REUNION FOR PEACE, INCLUDING JAPANESE PARTICIPATION.

6. DEPARTMENT IS REMINDED THAT GOP PRACTICALLY CLOSES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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